

**LOG OF
PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S
ELEVENTH VISIT
TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA**

MARCH 7- 27, 1952

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Honorable Joseph H. Short
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Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison, USN
Major General Robert B. Landry, USAF
Honorable Donald S. Dawson
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Lt. Walter C. Slye, USNR	First Lieutenant
Lt. Peter R. Perkins, USN	Engineering Officer
Lt. (jg) Robert C. Peniston, USN	Navigator
Lt. Comdr. Leo W. Roberts (SC), USN	Supply Officer
Comdr. Horace D. Warden (MC), USN	Medical Officer

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Major Silas J. Minton, USAF	Co-Pilot
Major Einar P. Christensen, USAF	Navigator
Mr. Eugene F. Lucas (Douglas Aircraft Co.)	Engineering Consultant
Warrant Officer Brice Stickler, USAF	Engineer
M/Sgt. Frederick J. Winslow, USAF	Engineer
M/Sgt. Fred J. Willard, USAF	Engineer
M/Sgt. Gaylor E. Robinson	Radio Operator
T/Sgt. Robert E. Hughes, USAF	Steward
M/Sgt. Eugene E. Bishop, USAF	Plane Guard
M/Sgt. Harold N. Callaway, USAF	Plane Guard
M/Sgt. Robert W. Boord, USAF	Plane Guard
S/Sgt. Leo M. Larson, USAF	Plane Guard
Sgt. George W. Woods, USAF	Plane Guard

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Aviation Machinist’s Mate 1/c Everett L. Hughes, USN	Plane Captain

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Ralph B. Hess, USN

Radio Operator

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Miss Ernestine Wilcox	Stewardess
Miss June McDonald	Stewardess
Mr. Gilbert W. Paul	NAA Representative
Mr. Alexander G. Hardy	NAA Representative
Mr. John Morris	Vice President, NAA
Mr. Roy D. Stripling	Second Pilot

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Mr. Marion C. Wedge
Mr. William L. McKendree
Miss Ernestine Wilcox
Miss Virginia Dare Estelle
Mr. Gilbert W. Paul
Mr. James Van Pelt

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Storekeeper 1/c Gerald L. O'Neal, USN
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Chief Hospitalman Preston C. Taylor, USN (masseur)
Sergeant 1/c Robert B. Crawford, USN (masseur)
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Electrician's Mate 1/c Douglas A. Putt, USN (movie operator)
Electrician's Mate Firearm Aubrey F. King, USN (movie operator)

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Chief Steward Mariano Floresca, USN
Chief Steward Victor E. Manuel, USN
Chief Steward Roman R. Pascual, USN

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Steward 1/c Simeon Pollosco, USN
Steward 2/c Sonny T. Corpus, USN
Steward 2/c Alfredo T. Fernandez, USN
Steward 2/c Marciano Mariano, USN
Steward 3/c Cesar Lomibao, USN
Steward 3/c Juanito Malapit, USN
Steward's Mate Emiliano C. Lara, USN
Steward's Mate Franciosco Lim, USN

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Steward 2/c Maurice Dela Vega, USN
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Steward 3/c Ananias Manaog, USN
Steward 3/c Domingo Manolo, USN
Steward's Mate Zosimo T. Monzon, USN

Log of President Truman's Eleventh Visit To Key West, Florida

Friday, March 7th

The President, together with Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, USN, Honorable Charles S. Murphy (Special Counsel to the President), Honorable William D. Hassett (Secretary to the President), Honorable Joseph H. Short (Secretary to the President), Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers, USNR (Special Consultant to the President), Major General Harry H. Vaughan, USAR (Military Aide to the President), Rear Admiral Robert L. Dawson, USN (Naval Aide to the President), Brigadier General Robert B. Landry, USAF (Air Force to the President), Honorable Donald S. Dawson (Administrative Assistant to the President), Honorable David H. Stowe (Administrative Assistant to the President), Honorable David E. Bell (Administrative Assistant to the President), Honorable David A. Lloyd (Administrative Assistant the President), and Mr. Joseph G. Feeney (Legislature Assistant to the President), members of his party, embarked in the aircraft INDEPENDENCE (USAF C118 #46505) at the Military Air Transport Terminal, Washington National Airport, and departed at 12:52 PM for flight to Key West, Florida. Also embarked in the INDEPENDENCE were Commander Horace D. Warden, Medical Corps, USN (Medical Officer, USS WILLIAMSBURG), Mr. Carl Dickson (Assistant Chief, United States Secret Service) and Mr. Henry J. Nicholson (Assistant Special Agent in Charge, White House Secret Service Detail).

After clearing Washington, the INDEPENDENCE set course direct for Jacksonville, Florida. The President went forward soon after the aircraft had reached cruising altitude (18,000 feet) and greeted the crew. On clearing Jacksonville, new course was set direct for Boca Chica. Beam winds were encountered and clear weather prevailed over the entire route. The 1047 mile flight was smooth and uneventful and was accomplished in three hours and thirty-three minutes.

The press plane, a National Airlines DC-6, which had departed from the Military Air Transport Terminal, Washington National Airport, at 11:46 AM, arrived at the Boca Chica Naval Airfield (Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida) at 3:30 PM. The following news and radio correspondents and photographers were embarked: Mr. A. Merriman Smith, Mr. Ernest B. Vaccaro, Mr. Robert G. Nixon, Mr. Joseph A. Fox, Mr. Anthony Leviero, Mr. Jack Steele, Mr. Robert W. Ruth, Mr. John M. Fisher, Miss Ruth Montgomery, Mr. Andrew S. Tully, Jr., Mr. Edwin S. Derby, Mr. Frank Bourgholtzer, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. William Smythe, Mr. John Langanegger and Mr. G. Bradford Kress; also Mr. Irving F. Perlmeter, Mr. Dewey E. Long, Mr. Jack Romagna, Mr. Harry Charnley and Corporal Robert A. Mendoza, USA, members of the White House staff; Mr. Theodore Berrier (American Telephone and Telegraph Company); Mr. Carroll S. Linkins (Western Union); and the following agents of the White House Secret Service Detail: Mr. John E. Champion, Mr. Paul B. Doster, Mr. Adolph M. Downing, Mr. Frank L. Farnsworth, Mr. Bartley A. Fugler, Mr. Ray M. Hare, Jr., Mr. Carroll L. Honess, Mr.

H. Stuart Knight, Mr. John R. Ladas, Mr. Robert A. Mampel, Mr. Milton S. Mileski, Mr. Vincent P. Mroz, Mr. Donald E. Murphy, Mr. Donald L. Nelson, Mr. Robert J. Newbrand, Mr. Emory P. Roberts, Mr. Rex W. Scouten, Mr. Stewart G. Stout, Mr. Robert H. Taylor and Mr. Paul T. Usher.

All hands aboard the press plane disembarked at once and made ready to meet the President.

The INDEPENDENCE put down at Boca Chica at 4:25 PM.

Simultaneously the President's flag was broken atop the station's control tower, the President, first to leave the INDEPENDENCE, disembarked at 4:30 PM. He was followed by Admiral Leahy and other members of his party. On leaving the aircraft, the President was greeted by Captain Cecil C. Adell, USN (Commander, Naval Base, Key West), and then by the following senior officers and civic officials: Rear Admiral Charles Wellborn, USN (Commander Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet), Rear Admiral Irving T. Duke, USN (Prospective Commander, Naval Base, Key West), Captain Albert E. Jarrell, USN (Chief of Staff, Commander Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet), Captain George W. Stott, USN (Commanding Officer, USS Yosemite (AD-19)), Captain B. E. Bradley, Medical Corps, USN (Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Key West), Captain W. H. Truesdell, USN (Commanding Fleet Training Group, Key West), Captain E. H. Eldredge, USN (Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Key West), Captain M. Druski, USN (Commanding Officer, Surface Anti-Submarine Development Detachment), Captain E. W. Parish, Jr., USN (Commanding Officer, Air Development Squadron One), Captain J.W. Davis, USN (Commander Submarine Squadron Four), Captain J. C. Toth, USN (Commanding Officer, Fleet All Weather Training Unit), Captain H. Payson, Jr., USN (Chief Staff Officer, Naval Base, Key West), Captain A. H. Dropp, USN (Commanding Officer, USS H. W. Gilmore (AS-16)), Captain L. C. Heinz, USN (Commander Destroyer Division 601), Honorable Bernie C. Papy (State Representative from Monroe County), Honorable C. B. Harvey (Mayor of Key West), Mrs. Harvey, Honorable Louis M. J. Eisner (City Commissioner, Key West, and Honorable Joe Allen (County Commissioner, Monroe County).

Also on hand at Boca Chica were Commander William M. Rigdon, USN, Captain H. E. Dudley, USA, Mr. Russell A. McMullin, Mr. Walter L. Burton, and Warrant Officer Robert A. Duffy, USA (Members of the White House Staff); Messrs. Gerald A. Behn and John A. Marshall (United States Secret Service); and Mr. William S. Douglas (Naval Intelligence Service).

After an exchange of greetings and pleasantries, the President talked briefly with the news and radio correspondents and posed for newsreel and press pictures. The President and members of his party then, at 4:35 PM., left Boca Chica by automobile for the Naval Station, Key West, where they were to vacation until March 27th. Captain Adell and Admiral Leahy rode with the President. The route from the aircraft to the main gate of the air station was lined on both sides with white-clad officers and men at man-

the-rail stations. As the President left the limits of the air station, his flag was lowered at the control tower. The eight-car motorcade, led by Captain Reid Clifton, Sergeant Elmer Brown and Patrolmen S. R. Walker and J. W. Wilder of the Florida Highway Patrol, proceeded southwestward along U. S. Highway #1 and Truman Avenue to Duval Street; northwestward on Duval to Caroline Street; southwestward on Caroline to the Naval Station. The turnout was the best of any of the President's previous ten visits to Key West. An estimated 15,000 natives, winter visitors and families of service personnel lined the route. They were mostly clad in shorts and sports attire in keeping with the 76° temperature.

The motorcade arrived at the Caroline Street gate to the Duval Station at 4:58 PM. The President was "piped abroad" through a line of eight sideboys, standing four abreast. His flag was broken atop the Naval Base Administration Building and simultaneous 21-gun salutes were commenced by the Naval Station, USS HOWARD W. GILMORE and USS YOSEMITE batteries. The crews of the YOSEMITE, HOWARD W. GILMORE and WILLIAMSBURG (AGC-369) were at the man-the-rail stations. When just inside the gate, the motorcade paused. The President and Captain Adell disembarked. "Ruffles and flourishes" and the national anthem were rendered by the Comdeslant Band and the Marine Barracks drum and bugle corps. The President and Captain Adell then, in company with Major Charles D. Barrett, Jr., USMC (Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Key West), inspected the Marine guard of honor. Before returning to his car, the President shook hands with the leader of the band, Chief Musician Albert M. Kelly, USN, who turned out to be from the President's home town, Independence, Missouri.

The motorcade left the Caroline Street gate at 5:02 PM and continued on to Quarters "A-B" (Little White House). As at the Naval Air Station, the streets of the Naval Station were lined with white-clad officers and enlisted men at the man-the-rail formation.

The President and members of his party arrived at the Little White House at 5:04 PM. They were greeted at the front door by Captain Edwin S. Miller, USN (Commanding Officer, USS WILLIAMSBURG) and Lieutenant Commander Leo W. Roberts (Supply Corps) USN (Supply Officer, USS WILLIAMSBURG). Captain Adell and Captain Miller paid their respects to the President, Admiral Leahy and Admiral Dennison, and departed. The President and members of his party then retired to their respective quarters and changed to lighter clothing.

The President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Truman had remained in Washington to be with her mother who was ill and confined to bed.

Dinner was served at the Little White House at 7:05 PM. There were no guests. Following dinner, the motion picture "Model and the Marriage Broker" was shown in the living room. Ensign William F. Patton, USCG (Mr. Dawson's stepson) was a guest. The

President did not attend. He visited with various members of his party until 11:25 PM, when he retired to his quarters.

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The President occupied his usual quarters, Suite #4; Admiral Leahy, room #5; Mr. Murphy and Mr. Connelly, room #2; Mr. Hassett, room #1; and Mr. Short, room #3. General Vaughan, General Landry, Admiral Souers and Admiral Dennison were quartered in the WILLIAMSBURG; and Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney and Mr. Perlmeter resided at quarters "L". These quarters had been extensively renovated and completely decorated since our most recent visit. Messes were operated at both Quarters "A-B" and Quarters "L".

The USS WILLIAMSBURG was moored at the north quay wall of the Naval Station, abreast the administration building. She had departed Washington on February 29th and arrived Key West the late evening of March 3rd. The WILLIAMSBURG furnished logistic support and communication for the President's party.

Members of the White House staff, officers of the INDEPENDENCE and Navy R4D crews, and members of the Secret Service detail were quartered at the Naval Station bachelor officers quarters (Building #128) and the Fleet Sonar School bachelor officers quarters (Building #217). The facilities of the Fleet Sonar School Commissioned Officers Mess (Building #106) and the Naval Base Commissioned Officers Mess (Building #106) and the Naval Base Commissioned Officers Club at Fort Taylor were used for their messing. Enlisted members of the White House staff and plane crews were quartered at the Naval Station Chief Petty Officers quarters (Building #126). The newspaper and radio correspondents and photographers accompanying the President resided at various hotels in Key West.

Major George J. McNally, USA (Commanding Officer, White House Signal Corps Detachment) and Mr. Russell A. McMullin (White House staff) arrived in Key West on March 1st to complete arrangements for installation of special telephone and telegraph equipment.

Mr. Gerald A. Behn (Assistant Special Agent in Charge, White House Secret Service Detail) and Mr. John A. Marshall (Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service Field Office at Miami, Florida) and Mr. William S. Douglas (Agent in Charge, Branch Office of Naval Intelligence, Miami) arrived in Key West on March 2nd to coordinate and finalize security arrangements for the President's visit.

Commander William M. Rigdon, USN (Assistant to the Naval Aide to the President) arrived in Key West on March 6th to coordinate arrangements for the President's visit.

The primary means of communication employed for classified traffic between Washington and Key West was the "WILLIAMSBURG-Navy Department-White House" duplex radio teletype circuit. This circuit could be operated to simultaneously send and receive messages between any two of those stations. The Commander, Naval Base, Key West, also established a duplex radio teletype circuit with Washington, paralleling the WILLIAMSBURG-Navy Department circuit, for use in an emergency.

Complete Associated Press news service was provided the President by direct land wire from the White House. The printer was set up in Building #82 and was manned by Mr. Walter L. Burton and Sergeant Ray M. Zook, USA (White House Staff). This circuit was increased to two channels when the WILLIAMSBURG encountered difficulty operating its radio channel.

Special telephone service was provided by a private two-position switchboard set up in Building #97 and manned during daytime and heavy traffic hours by Miss Louise Hachmeister and Miss Beverly Cole and at other times by Master Sergeant Bernard Putterman, USA, Master Sergeant Edward R. Schrader, USA, and Sergeant Phillip B. Tarbell, Jr., (all of the White House staff). Three direct board-to-board (Washington-Key West) circuits were set up by the telephone company for our use, and additional circuits were made available when traffic required. Telephone traffic between the White House and the private switchboard at Key West totaled 6,567 minutes for the visit.

Daily delivery of Washington and New York newspapers to the Little White House, usually by breakfast time, was made through the courtesy of Mr. John Morris, Vice President of National Airlines.

Thrice-weekly courier service was maintained between the White House and Key West. Naval aircraft and naval officer couriers were employed.

A press office and a branch telegraph office were set up in Building #128 at the Naval Station for the convenience of the newspaper and radio correspondents. Mr. Carroll S. Linkins of the Washington office of the Western Union Company supervised the operation of the telegraph office. He was assisted by Mr. O. D. McEachern, Florida District Manager for the Western Union Company.

In addition to the Secret Service detail, a continuous armed guard was maintained around the Little White House and at Truman Beach by Marine Corps personnel. No general visiting was permitted within the Naval Station and a special pass, signed by the Naval Base security officer and countersigned by a representative of the Secret Service, was required for one to be permitted to enter or leave the grounds of the Little White House.

A staff office, with private entrance, was set up in the adjacent administration building. A force under the supervision of Commander Rigdon and consisting of Chief Yeoman Winkler, Yeoman 1/c Klein, and Yeoman 2/c Bernard P. Graebener, USNR

(Fleet Sonar School) handled the clerical work for the President and members of his party. Chief Yeoman Manley S. Webb, USN (USS WILLIAMSBURG) was called in from time to time to assist.

A Navy transport-type aircraft (R4DZ, Lieutenant Commander Thomas J. Beare, USN, pilot) was sent to Key West on March 6th. This aircraft remained at Key West until March 27th under the operational control of the Naval Aide.

Four Mercury sedans and four Ford sedans were made available by Mr. Cecil Holland, President of the All Miami Motors Company. The Mercury sedans were used to provide transportation for members of the President's party. Enlisted drivers were furnished by the Commander, Naval Base, and twenty-four-hour service was available. The Ford sedans were used by members of the Secret Service detail. The Two White House automobiles (Lincoln convertibles) were brought down from Washington by Special Agents Morgan L. Gies and William R. Greer. One Lincoln was used for the President and the other was used by the Secret Service as a follow-up car.

Mrs. Adell (wife of Captain Adell) and several other Navy wives came in frequently and replenished and rearranged the floral decorations in the Little White House. The President and all members of his party were most appreciative of the thoughtfulness and time and effort devoted by these ladies. Assisting Mrs. Adell were: Mrs. B. E. Bradley, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. M. Durski, Mrs. E. H. Eldredge, Mrs. C. E. Grohs, Mrs. L. C. Heinz, Mrs. F. B. Lukins, Mrs. E. W. Parish, Mrs. W. W. Schumacher, and Mrs. W. H. Truesdell.

Saturday, March 8th

The President came downstairs at 7:40 AM. He and Admiral Souers left the Little White House at 7:43 AM for a walk in and about the Naval Station. They returned to the house at 8:00 AM.

At 8:05 AM, the President sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Short and Admiral Souers.

After breakfast, the President worked at his desk in the living room, during which time he dictated a number of letters and memoranda to Chief Yeoman Winkler. Chief Yeoman Winkler served as the President's private secretary during the entire period of his stay at Key West.

At 10:00 AM, the President, Captain Adell, General Vaughan and Admiral Souers left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach, situated at the southeast corner of the Naval Station, about one mile distant from the Little White House. The President, General Vaughan and Admiral Souers changed to swim suits and spent the next hour and fifteen minutes lounging in the warm sun. They were joined at the beach later by Mr. Dawson, Ensign Patton, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Perlmeter, Admiral Leahy, General Landry and

Mr. Short. After escorting the President to the beach, Captain Adell paid his respects and returned to his office. He observed this same procedure each time he accompanied the President to the beach.

While the President was sunning, sides were chosen and a volleyball game ensued. The team consisting of Captain Dudley, Ensign Patton, Mr. Greer, General Vaughan, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Gies and Mr. Dawson won two out of three games from the team comprised of Mr. Perlmeter, Commander Warden, Mr. Behn, Mr. R. H. Taylor, Mr. Newbrand, Mr. Downing and Mr. E. P. Roberts.

After the volleyball match, the President, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Perlmeter and Mr. Short went swimming.

A light rain began falling at 11:25 AM, at which time the President left the beach and motored back to the Little White House.

Mr. Short met with the newspaper and radio correspondents at 12:00 noon at the press room (Building #128). He and/or Mr. Perlmeter, or Mr. Tubby, met with them daily thereafter. The time of the daily conference was varied for the convenience of the several members of the press. Some were held at 12:00 noon, for the benefit of the afternoon newspapers, and other at 4:00 PM, for the convenience of the morning newspapers.

At 12:45 PM, the President called all hands to the living room to observe as he pinned two-star insignia on General Landry, to make official his promotion to Major General which had just been confirmed by the Senate. Colonel Francis W. Williams, USAF (Commander of the Presidential aircraft INDPENDENCE), Captain Miller, Commander Rigdon and Lieutenant Commander Roberts also attended. Afterwards, all hands moved outside to the west garden where they posed for a group picture.

Lunch was served at 1:15 PM. Colonel Williams and Captain Miller were luncheon guests at the Little White House.

Colonel Williams and Captain Miller departed at 2:00 PM. At the same time, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 PM.

It rained intermittently throughout the afternoon, keeping all hands indoors. It was quite cool inside the house, so a fire was maintained in the living room fireplace.

Honorable John R. Steelman, the Assistant to the President, arrived at the Little White House at 5:30 PM and joined the party. He came down from Washington via commercial airlines. Mr. Steelman shared room #5 with Admiral Leahy.

The President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Truman was at the Blair House.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. There were no guests. The President did not dine with the others but went to his quarters, where he remained throughout the evening.

Following dinner, the motion picture "Just This Once" was shown at the Little White House.

Major McNally and Mr. McMullin left Key West today, via commercial airlines, for New York City for temporary duty in connection with the contemplated visit of the President there on March 15th.

Sunday, March 9th

The President came downstairs at 7:50 AM. He did not go for a walk. He went to the south porch, where he read until 8:00 AM, when he sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy and Mr. Short.

Mr. Hassett left the Little White House at 8:15 AM and motored to the Naval Station Chapel where he attended religious services conducted by Chaplain Raymond F. Govern.

The President, Captain Adell, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Short, Admiral Souers, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Dawson left the Little White House at 9:30 AM and walked to the Naval Station Chapel where they attended religious services conducted by Chaplain Harold F. Menges.

The Presidential party left the chapel at 10:40 AM and motored back to the Little White House, where they changed to informal attire.

At 10:50 AM, the President, Captain Adell, Admiral Souers, Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Short and Mr. Stowe left the house and motored to the beach. General Vaughan and Mr. Feeney were at the beach when the President arrived. Mr. Steelman, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dawson, Ensign Patton and Mr. Murphy went down later and joined the beach party.

In the day's volleyball match, General Vaughan, Mr. R. H. Taylor, Mr. Usher, Mr. Gies, Mr. Ladas, Mr. Nicholson, Commander Warden and Ensign Patton dropped two out of three games to Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Greer, Mr. Behn and Mr. Newbrand.

After the volleyball game, the President, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Short and Admiral Souers went swimming.

Rear Admiral Daniel V. Gallery, USN (Commanding Carrier Division Six) called at the Little White House at 11:20 AM and paid his respects to Admiral Leahy. He

departed at 11:35 AM.

The President, Mr. Steelman and Admiral Souers left the beach at 12:25 PM and motored back to the Little White House.

Mr. Connelly and Mr. Feeney left the Little White House at 12:15 PM and motored to the Naval Station Chapel, where they attended religious services conducted by Chaplain Govern. General Landry attended mass at one of the churches in Key West.

General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, arrived at the Little White House at 1:50 PM and reported to the President. He was accompanied by his aide, Colonel Godfrey T. McHugh, USAF. General Landry and Admiral Dennison met them at Boca Chica and accompanied them to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 2:05 PM. General Vandenberg and Colonel McHugh were luncheon guests at the Little White House. Admiral Leahy dined out.

Mr. Feeney and Mr. Perlmer embarked in the Naval Station fishing boat "BIG WHEEL" (a converted torpedo retriever boat) and left at 2:45 PM for the fishing grounds off Key West.

At 2:55 PM, the President, General Vandenberg, General Landry and Colonel McHugh went out to the west garden and posed for press and newsreel pictures. General Vandenberg and Colonel McHugh then, at 3:00 PM, left by motor for Boca Chica where they enplaned to continue on an inspection tour of continental air bases. General Landry accompanied them to Boca Chica.

The President retired to his quarters at 3:10 PM, where he remained until 4:30 PM. At 3:35 PM, he talked by telephone conference hookup with Mrs. Truman (at the Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman (at Malibu Beach, California).

Mr. Feeney and Mr. Perlmer returned to Key West and disembarked at 6:45 PM. They reported a rough trip and few catches. Mr. Perlmer claimed six small grunt, one small grouper and one eel, and Mr. Feeney three small grunt.

At 7:30 PM, Monsignor L. Curtis Tiernan and Mr. Joseph F. Stephens, both of Kansas City, arrived at the Little White House and called on the President. Monsignor Tiernan was chaplain of the President's regiment during World War I.

Dinner was served at 8:00 PM. Monsignor Tiernan and Mr. Stephens were dinner guests at the Little White House. Admiral Dennison was a guest at Quarters "L".

After dinner, the motion picture "Two Tickets to Broadway" was shown at the

Little White House. The President, Monsignor Tiernan, Mr. Stephens and all members of the party except Admiral Dennison, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Bell and Mr. Lloyd attended.

Monsignor Tiernan and Mr. Stephens departed at 10:55 PM.

The President retired to his quarters at 11:00 PM.

Monday, March 10th

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. At 7:35 AM he left the house for his morning walk. He left the Naval Station via the Greene Street gate, walked eastward on Front Street, southward on Simonton Street, westward on Eaton and northward on Whitehead to Greene Street. He re-entered the Naval Station by way of the Greene Street gate. He returned to the Little White House at 8:00 AM and went right in and sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy, Admiral Souers and Mr. Short.

The President worked at his desk in the living room from 9:00 to 9:30 AM.

At 9:50 AM, the President, Captain Adell, General Vaughan, Admiral Souers, General Landry, and Mr. Perlmeter left the Little White House and walked to the beach. Admiral Leahy, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Short, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Murphy went down later and joined the beach party.

At volleyball, Commander Warden, Mr. Gies, Mr. R. H. Taylor, Mr. Doster, Mr. Greer, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Nicholson teamed up to take two out of three games from General Vaughan, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Behn, Mr. Downing, Captain Dudley and Mr. Usher.

After the volleyball game, the President went swimming. None of the other members of the party went near the water.

The President, General Vaughan, Admiral Souers, General Landry, and Admiral Leahy left the beach at 11:53 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests. Admiral Dennison dined out. After lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:00 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. There were no guests.

At 7:50 PM, Lieutenant Colie Chavis, USN, courier, arrived from Washington and delivered three sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon. The manifest showed nothing for Mr. Hassett but he would not believe it. He saw the last piece unloaded and then expressed astonishment. He remarked that it was the first pouch he could recall by which he failed to receive any mail.

After dinner the motion picture "Retreat, Hell" was shown. The President did not attend. He visited with members of his party until 11:25 PM, when he retired to his quarters.

Tuesday, March 11th

Admiral Souers left the house at 7:25 AM by motor for Meacham Field. At Meacham Field he enplaned for Miami where he spent the day on personal business.

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. He left the house a few minutes later for a walk in and about the Naval Station. He returned to the house at 8:00 AM and, at 8:05 AM, sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy and Mr. Murphy.

The President worked at his desk from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

At 9:45 AM, the President, General Vaughan and Admiral Dennison left the house and walked to the beach. They were joined enroute by Captain Adell. Admiral Leahy, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe, General Landry, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Steelman and Mr. Bell went down later and joined the President.

Lieutenant Chavis left the Little White House at 10:00 AM for Boca Chica to enplane for Washington. He took with him three sacks of mail for return to the White House.

At volleyball, Captain Dudley, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Behn, Mr. Usher, Mr. Dawson and General Vaughan took two out of three games from Commander Warden, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Newbrand, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Gies and Mr. Downing.

After the volleyball match, the President, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bell, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Perlmeter, and Mr. Stowe went swimming.

The President, General Vaughan, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Murphy left the beach at 11:55 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

At 12:30 PM the President talked by telephone with the Secretary of the Treasury. At 12:40 PM, he talked with Congressman John W. McCormack. Both were in Washington at the time. At 12:45 PM, Admiral Dennison presented Leroy Lively, Seaman, USN (attached to the submarine USS MEDREGAL) to the President.

A picnic lunch was served in the north garden at 1:00 PM. The entire party participated. There were no guests.

Following lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3:45 PM.

Admiral Souers returned from Miami at 3:15 PM.

Lieutenant Commander John Morton, USN, called on Admiral Leahy at 5:00 PM and paid his respects. Lieutenant Commander Morton, a former aide to Admiral Leahy, was a student at the Fleet Sonar School in Key West. He departed at 5:30 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. There were no guests. Mr. Connelly and Admiral Dennison dined out.

At 8:00 PM, the President talked by telephone conference hook-up with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman (at Malibu Beach, California).

Following dinner, the motion picture "Boots Malone" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend. He visited with members of his party until 11:50 PM, when he retired.

Wednesday, March 12th

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM and left the house several minutes later for his morning walk. He left the Naval Station by way of the Marine gate, walked eastward on Fleming Street, northward on Simonton Street, westward on From Street, and returned to the Naval Station via Greene Street gate. He arrived back at the Little White House at 7:55 AM and, at 8:00 AM, sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy.

Mr. Raymond P. Brandt called on the President at 9:00 AM. They conferred in the north garden until 9:45 AM, when Mr. Brandt paid his respects and departed.

While the President was conferring with Mr. Brandt, Master Sergeant Archie M. Hooper (#AR-6881568) attached to the Army-Air Force Recruiting Station, 25 N.E. 3rd Street, Miami, Florida, managed to get by the Marine sentry without proper credentials, came into the garden and interrupted the President and Mr. Brandt. He was interrogated by the Secret Service and admonished by General Landry, and then told to return to his duty station.

The President, Captain Adell, Admiral Souers, General Vaughan, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Hassett, and Mr. Dawson left the house at 10:00 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Perlmet, Mr. Bell and Admiral Leahy went down later and joined the beach party.

At volleyball, Mr. Nicholson, General Vaughan, Captain Dudley, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Fugler and Mr. Behn took two out of three games from Mr. Gies, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Mileski, Mr. Campion, Mr. Greer, Mr. Perlmet and Commander

Warden.

After the volleyball match, the President, General Vaughan, Mr. Steelman, Admiral Souers, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Perlmeter went swimming.

The President and Admiral Leahy left the beach at 12:00 noon and motored back to the Little White House.

The President talked by telephone with the Secretary of the Treasury at 12:30 PM. Mr. Snyder was in Washington at the time.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests.

Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:00 PM.

Mr. Steelman left the house at 2:30 PM and motored to Meacham Field where he enplaned for Washington D. C.

Lieutenant Frank D. Hale, USN, courier, arrived from Washington at 6:45 PM and delivered three sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. There were no guests. Mr. Connelly dined out. Following dinner, the motion picture "Five Fingers" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend.

The President visited with members of his party until 11:30 PM, when he retired to his quarters.

Thursday, March 13th

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. He left the house a few minutes later and took a walk in and about the Naval Station. He returned to the house at 8:05 AM.

Mr. Feeney and his guests, Mr. Arvid Peterson and Mr. Nick Salovich, embarked in the BIG WHEEL and departed at 8:00 AM for the fishing grounds off Key West.

The President sat down to breakfast at 8:20 AM, together with Admirals Leahy and Souers.

The President worked at his desk from 8:45 AM to 9:30 AM.

At 9:40 AM, Lieutenant Hale left the Little White House for Boca Chica, where he enplaned for Washington. He had with him three sacks of mail for return to the White House.

The President, Captain Adell, Admiral Souers, Mr. Dawson, General Vaughan, Mr. Perlmeter and Mr. Stowe left the Little White House at 9:55 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. Short, Admiral Leahy, General Landry and Mr. Hassett went down later and joined the President.

At volleyball, General Vaughan, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Nicholson, Captain Dudley, Mr. Fugler, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Short took two straight games from Mr. Gies, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Behn, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Greer and Commander Warden.

After the volleyball match, the President, Mr. Perlmeter, Admiral Souers, Mr. Short, and Mr. Dawson went swimming.

The President, Admiral Leahy and Admiral Souers, left the beach at 11:45 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests.

Following lunch the President retired to his quarters, where he rested until 3:15 PM.

Mr. Feeney and his fishing party returned at 1:30 PM, with a bountiful catch – seven king mackerel (av. 18 to 22), one 22-lb. cobia, five amberjack (av. 16), four red snapper (av. 10), four grouper (av. 6), 25 smaller fish (yellow tail, grunts and groupers).

At 3:15 PM, the President met with Mr. Connelly, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Short, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bell and Mr. Perlmeter on the south porch. They discussed the outline of a speech the President was scheduled to deliver on Saturday, March 15th. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

The President, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, Admiral Souers, General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison and General Landry left the Little white House at 6:25 PM and walked to Quarters “L” where they attended the ceremony at which Mr. Stowe was commissioned a “Rear End Son” of the “Animal Husbandry Service.” Mr. Feeney read the “order of the day” and the President delivered the “commission.” Mr. Stowe made a brief speech of acceptance and then unveiled his flag – designed by the President and manufactured by the WILLIAMSBURG (field of white, rear end of Missouri mule in blue, long, blue tail with yellow star and stripe). Captain Miller, Commander Rigdon and Lieutenant Commander Roberts also were present).

The President remained at “L” for dinner but all other “A-B” guests left at 7:00 PM and returned to the Little White House. Admiral Dennison and Admiral Souers dined out.

The President accompanied by Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney and Mr. Perlmeter left Quarters "L" at 8:00 PM and walked to the Little White House.

The motion picture "I'll See You in My Dreams" was shown at the Little White House following dinner. The President did not attend.

At 9:00 PM, the President talked via three-way telephone hook-up with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman at Malibu Beach, California.

At 9:15 PM, the President retired to his quarters. He worked for several hours on his March 15th speech and other papers before turning in.

Friday, March 14th

The President came downstairs at 7:20 AM. He did not go for a walk. Instead, he worked at his desk until 8:00 AM, when he sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy, Mr. Murphy and Admiral Souers.

After breakfast, the President went back to his desk where he worked for approximately one-half hour.

The President, Captain Adell, Admiral Dennison, Admiral Souers, General Vaughan, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hassett and General Landry left the house at 9:30 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Perlmeter went down later and joined the President.

While at the beach, the President talked via telephone with Senator Humphrey. Senator Humphrey was in Washington at the time.

At volleyball, Mr. Behn, Commander Warden, Mr. Bell, Lieutenant Commander Roberts, Mr. Gies and Mr. Perlmeter teamed up to take three straight games from Mr. Nicholson, Mr. E. P. Roberts, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Mileski and Mr. Champion.

After the volleyball match, the President, Mr. Bell, Mr. Perlmeter and Mr. Dawson went swimming.

The entire party left the beach at 11:05 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

The President, Mr. Murphy, Admiral Souers, General Vaughan, General Landry, Mr. Lloyd and Commander Warden left the Little White House and motored to Boca Chica, where they arrived at 11:45 AM. Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Captain Miller, Mr. Bell, Mr. Perlmeter and Commander Rigdon accompanied them to Boca

Chica.

The President left the Naval Station via the Caroline Street gate. No honors were rendered but on his departure his flag was lowered at the Naval Station. Similarly, there were no honors or ceremony at Boca Chica.

Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short and Mr. Dawson arrived at Boca Chica at 11:52 AM and joined the President in the INDEPENDENCE.

The INDEPENDENCE was airborne from Boca Chica at 11:55 AM for flight to Washington. Traveling with the President were: Mr. Murphy, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, Admiral Souers, General Vaughan, General Landry, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Lloyd, Commander Warden, Mr. Long, Mr. Romagna, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Behn, Mr. Gies, Mr. Fugler, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Usher and Mr. Downing. Mr. Long had with him one sack of mail for return to the White House. The newspaper and radio correspondents and photographers did not accompany the President.

After clearing Key West, the INDEPENDENCE climbed to 19,000 feet and set course direct for Jacksonville, Florida. On clearing Jacksonville, new course was set direct for Washington.

The INDEPENDENCE arrived at the Military Air Transport Terminal, Washington National Airport, at 3:30 PM. The Secretary of the Treasury was among those at the airport to meet the President. The President deplaned and motored directly to the Blair House where he spent the night with Mrs. Truman and his mother-in-law Mrs. Wallace.

Lieutenant Commander T. S. McCrory, USN, courier, arrived at the Little White House and delivered three sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon. Sergeant Harold E. Crane, USA (White House Staff) came down from Washington via the same aircraft.

Seaman Apprentice R. A. Berthiaume, USN (Fleet Sonar School) called on Admiral Leahy at 6:25 PM and paid his respects. He departed at 6:40 PM. Berthiaume is from Ashland, Wisconsin, Admiral Leahy's home town.

Dinner was served at the Little White House at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hassett dined out.

Following dinner, the motion picture "With a Song in My Heart" was shown at the Little White House.

The WILLIAMSBURG, which shares certain radio frequencies with the INDEPENDENCE and ordinarily has to shut down her radio teletype circuits while the INDEPENDENCE is operating, had arranged to use alternate Atlantic Fleet frequencies

during the absence of the INDEPENDENCE from Key West, and was able to maintain 24-hour communication guard with the White House and the Pentagon during the President's absence from Key West.

Saturday, March 15th

The INDEPENDENCE, with President Truman and party aboard, departed from the Military Air Transport Terminal, Washington National Airport, at 10:00 AM for flight to New York. Embarked were: The President, Honorable Roy W. Harper (District Judge, United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri), Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, General Landry, General Vaughn, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Lloyd, Commander Warden, Mr. Long, Mr. Romagna, Mr. U. E. Baughman (Chief of the United States Secret Service), Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Behn, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Fugler, Mr. Downing, Mr. Usher and Mr. Gies.

The INDEPENDENCE followed the airways route to New York and cruised at an altitude of 9,000 feet (distance 212 statute miles).

The INDEPENDENCE put down at LaGuardia Airport, New York City at 10:55 AM. The President was met there by the Honorable Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor of New York, and Dr. Joseph M. Murphy, President of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. After an exchange of greetings, Mayor Impellitteri and Mr. Murphy accompanied the President and members of his party on their motor trip to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President arrived at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at 11:35 AM. He was greeted there by Mr. Joseph Binns, Executive Vice President, and Mr. Frank A. Ready, Vice President of the hotel. The President was then escorted to the thirty-first floor where he was greeted by Mr. Edward Hastings, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria, who showed him to the Presidential Suite (31-F).

The President rested in his suite until 11:50 AM, when he and Mr. Connelly went to Suite 42A (on the forty-second floor) where they visited with the Honorable Warren R. Austin, (United States Representative to the United Nations and Representative in the Security Council). The President and Mr. Connelly then returned to Suite 31-F.

The President, Judge Harper, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, General Vaughan, Mr. Dawson, and Commander Warden, escorted by Dr. Murphy and Mr. Hastings, left Suite 31-F at 12:06 PM and proceeded to the Blue Room (fourth floor), where the President greeted a number of more prominent luncheon guests and selected students from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Following the reception in the Blue Room, the President and members of his party moved to the Empire Room (also on the fourth floor), where he received a number of foreign students and posed for a group picture with them.

The President and his party were then escorted to the Main Ballroom (third floor), where they were luncheon guests of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. As the President entered, "Hail to the Chief" was played by the organist, Dr. C. A. J. Parmentier. The luncheon was attended by more than 3,000 editors, representing student publications of all school levels, from elementary up to and including junior and teachers colleges. The majority of the delegates were from senior high schools of the United States, its territories, Canada and countries of the Middle and Far East. Following the luncheon, Dr. Murphy, acting as master of ceremonies, announced the winners of the Association's special awards. Dr. Murphy then introduced the President, and the President made the following address. The President's address was both televised and broadcast over national hook-ups.

"Dr. Murphy, distinguished guests, Mr. Mayor, delegates to the 29th Annual Convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association:

"You know, I was very much afraid that you were going to take that admonition of Dr. Murphy seriously, but I am very glad that you didn't—when he told you not to make any noise before the broadcast.

"I am happy to be with you today. It is a pleasure to talk to the young people who run the school papers of this great country of ours. You probably don't know it, but I was a school editor myself once of the high school paper in Independence, Missouri. And it was a first edition, too. Charlie Rose, and a few other kids and myself got out the first number of the GLEAM, named after that admonition in Tennyson's poem AFTER IT, FOLLOW IT, FOLLOW THE GLEAM.

"I have been trying to follow it ever since. From then on I kept going, and you know the trouble that I am in today. So you see, if you are not very careful, you may end up by living in the White House, and I say to you that it is a wonderful experience indeed, in spite of all its troubles.

"All my life I have been interested in the Presidency, and the way Presidents are chosen. I remember very well the first Presidential nominating convention that I attended. It was in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1900, when Bryan was nominated the second time for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. I was 16, and I enjoyed that convention very much, because I thought old man Bryan was the greatest orator of any time. And I still think so. President Roosevelt said he was one of the great progressives of our times, but he was ahead of his time.

"A lot of us are in that condition.

"Now, besides being nominated for the Presidency three times, Mr. Bryan became an editor. As you know, I am very interested in editors and publishers. It is a very great responsibility to be the editor of a great newspaper or a great periodical. And we have

some wonderfully great magazines and newspapers in this country. It is the duty of the editors of those great publications to see that the news is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. And these great ones do just that.

“But we do have among us some publications who do not care very much for the truth in the news, and sometimes make propaganda out of it, and then write editorials about it. But editorials written on misrepresentation in the news and on propaganda are just as bad as the foundation on which it rests.

“I hope that if any of you become editors of great publications - - and you are now editors of great publications in your sphere - - that you will stick strictly to the truth and nothing but the truth when you publish the news.

“I heard Mr. Bryan say one time that the first convention he attended was at Philadelphia in 1856, and he crawled in through a window and that ever since that time they had been trying to put him out over the transom but never had succeeded.

“The first convention that I attended was the one I referred to in 1900, when I walked into that convention. I also later walked into the White House, which Mr. Bryan never did do. And I don’t know who got the best of it, because Mr. Bryan got his message over just as well as if he had been elected President, and I don’t know whether I am getting mine over or not.

“But another convention that I remember very well was the one at Baltimore when Woodrow Wilson was nominated. I was running a binder around a quarter section of land - - took two miles to make that circuit. And at one corner there was a little telegraph station about a quarter-mile from where I was working, and I would get down and go over to the telegraph station to see how the convention was coming on. And that is how I found out that Woodrow Wilson had been nominated. Didn’t have any radio or television in those days, and we didn’t have any pollsters or false political prophets, either.

“I voted for Wilson that year, and I have believed ever since in the policies which he followed. He was one of our very greatest Presidents. And I sincerely believe that if we had followed him in what he wanted to do, we would certainly have avoided the Second World War. I hope that we will not make that same mistake after this last World War.

“Now I understand that a lot of people are mystified and wonder why I came all the way up here from Key West to talk to you today.

“The answer is very simple. I came because the future of this great Republic of ours depends upon young people like you, and also for the reason that for the last seven years young people have been coming to see me at the White House. There is hardly a

week goes by that I don't see some delegation of young people, who pass through my Office and shake hands with me, and I usually have a word or two to say to them.

"And now I am here, and you are in exactly the same position you would be at the White House: you would have to listen.

"The United States of America is the greatest Republic in the history of the world. We want to keep it the greatest Republic. It will be up to you young people to do that job in the future.

"YOUTH, THE HOPE OF THE WORLD. That was the motto on the front door of the high school from which I was graduated, only it was written in Latin JUVENTUS SPES MUNDI. I will never forget it. I never have forgotten it, and I still think that youth is the hope of the world, and that they always will be. It is just as true now as it was when I came out of that small-town high school. It is necessary for the young people to understand the road to be followed, if this country is to accomplish the mission which God intended it to accomplish in this world.

"I hope I can give you some idea of how to follow that road into tomorrow and the future of the world. I hope you will go back to your schools and talk about it and discuss it. I hope you will write about it in your publications, because it is your responsibility as editors to work for the good of your great country, and for the future of the world. Both are in your hands.

"Now, the thing I want to impress upon you is that Government must be operated on the basis of the greatest good for the greatest number of its citizens. That is the fundamental basis of the domestic program and the foreign policy of this Government of yours and mine. No nation is a good nation unless it is built upon our ideals. Our nation is built upon ideals - - ideals of unselfishness and respect for the rights and welfare of others.

"The fundamental basis of this nation's ideals was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The fundamental basis of the Bill of Rights in our Constitution comes from the teachings which we get from Exodus, St. Matthew, Isaiah and St. Paul. The Sermon on the Mount gives us a way of life, and maybe some day men will understand it is the real way of life. The basis of all great moral codes is DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DONE UNTO YOU. Treat other as you would like to be treated.

"Some of you may think that such a philosophy as that has no place in politics and government. But it is the only philosophy on which you can base a lasting government. Governments built on that philosophy are built on a rock, and will not fail.

"When our own Government has looked after the average man first, we have grown and prospered. But when those in power have used our Government to increase the privileges of the few at the top, the life and spirit of our country has declined. Thank

God most of the time we have been on the right road.

“In the lifetime of everyone here, we have had a chance to see how this works, although some of you may not be old enough – and I am sure none of you is old enough - - to remember the great depression. In the last twenty years, the Government of the United States has made great progress in measures to help and protect the average man. We have not been ashamed to work for human welfare at home and abroad.

“Now, I just want you to examine the facts and see for yourselves what the results have been in better living conditions for the American people, and in strengthening the base of our Democracy. More and more people have been able to have better and better living conditions. In 1939, only one out of four families had an income of more than two thousand dollars. In 1949, it was two out of three. There are fewer poor people and more well-to-do people in this country now than ever before - - not only in this country but in the history of the world. We have been reducing inequality, not by pulling down those at the top, but by lifting up those at the bottom.

“This great record of progress is the result of our policy of the fair deal. Under that policy we look out for the other fellow as well as for ourselves. That same program applies to our foreign policy. We cannot isolate ourselves from our neighbors in the rest of the world. When something hurts them, it hurts us. When something helps them, it helps us.

“The way to keep our own country strong and prosperous is to encourage and develop prosperity in the rest of the world. We can learn a lot from the rest of the world. There are many things that even the people of undeveloped countries in the world can teach us. We must exchange ideas. We must exchange goods. We must exchange friendships.

“We are not imperialists. We do not want any more territory. We do not want to conquer any people, or to dominate them. The Russian propaganda says that we are imperialists and want to conquer the world. That just isn't true. We know the Soviet government is a menace to us and to all the free world. That is why we are building up our strength, not to march against them but to discourage them from marching against us and the free world.

“We want to help the people in other countries to help themselves, because that makes for prosperity for us all. I want you young people to understand that if we accomplish the purpose which we propose to accomplish, it means the greatest age in the history of the world - - you will live in the grandest and most peaceful time that the world has ever seen.

“It is up to you to help carry on that purpose. It may take more than one generation to accomplish it. But we can accomplish it. We are going to accomplish it, and I know that you will help to accomplish it.

“I appreciate again being here. May God bless you all.”

At the conclusion of the President's address, the delegates sang the national anthem. The President and members of his party then left the hotel and motored to LaGuardia Airport, where they embarked in the INDEPENDENCE. Mayor Impellitteri and Dr. Murphy accompanied the President to LaGuardia Airport. Mr. Lloyd, who did not attend the luncheon, rejoined the President's party there for the flight to Key West. General Vaughan left the President's party at LaGuardia and returned to Washington via commercial airlines.

The INDEPENDENCE was airborne from LaGuardia at 3:35 PM for direct flight to Key West. Embarked were: The President, Judge Harper, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, General Landry, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Lloyd, Commander Warden, Mr. Baughman, Mr. James J. Rowley (Special Agent in Charge, White House Secret Service Detail), Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Behn, Mr. Gerard A. McCann (Special Agent, White House Secret Service Detail), Mr. Usher, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Gies, Mr. Long and Mr. Romagna.

After the INDEPENDENCE had cleared New York City, course was set for Jacksonville, Florida, and the aircraft climbed to cruising altitude of 18,000 feet. Soon after the INDEPENDENCE had leveled off, the President called Major E. P. Christensen, USAF (the navigator) to his stateroom and was briefed on the projected course and flight time to Key West.

As the INDEPENDENCE was over the Chesapeake Bay, a beam of Washington, D. C., the President went forward and gave the radio operator a message which was sent to Mrs. Truman at the Blair House.

After having passed Jacksonville, new course was set direct to Key West. The President went forward again just as the INDEPENDENCE had passed over Fort Myers, Florida, and checked with the navigator as to position, arrival time and the prevailing weather at Key West.

Dinner was served at the Little White House at 6:30 PM. Following dinner, the motion picture “Detective Story” was screened. (Dinner was served aboard the INDEPENDENCE shortly after the aircraft had passed over Florence, South Carolina).

The INDEPENDENCE put down at the Boca Chica Naval Airfield at 8:20 PM, after a four-hour and forty-five minute flight (distance 1,250 statute miles) from New York City. Good weather and moderate head winds were encountered over the entire route.

Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Captain Eldredge, Mr. Perlmeter and Commander Rigdon were on hand at Boca Chica to meet the President and members of his party.

The President, followed by other passengers, left the plane at once, embarked in waiting motor cars and left Boca Chica at 8:25 PM, to return to the Little White House at the Naval Station. The motorcade was led by Captain Reid Clifton and three other members of the Florida Highway Patrol. On entering the city of Key West, the motorcade turned right onto Palm Street, continued on Palm to Grinnell Street, turned right on Grinnell, thence along Grinnell to Caroline Street and left on Caroline to the Little White House at the Naval Station, where they arrived at 8:45 PM. No honors were rendered or ceremony observed either at Boca Chica or the Naval Station on the President's return.

On arrival at the Little White House, Captain Adell paid his respects to the President and left for his quarters.

Mr. Long brought down with him in the INDEPENDENCE one sack of White House mail.

The President talked via telephone with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman (at Malibu Beach, California) at 9 PM.

The President visited with members of his party until midnight, when he retired to his quarters. He worked on his mail for approximately one-half hour before turning in.

Mr. Robert Jamison, Special Agent attached to the Miami Field Office of the United States Secret Service, arrived from Miami this evening and joined Mr. Rowley's detail.

Sunday, March 16th

The President came downstairs at 8 AM. He did not go for a walk this morning, but he went to the south porch, where he read until 8:10 AM, when he sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy, Mr. Short and Judge Harper.

Mr. Hassett left the house at 8:25 AM and motored to the Naval Station Chapel, where he attended religious services conducted by Chaplain Raymond F. Govern.

The President, Judge Harper, Mr. Short, Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Dawson left the Little White House at 9:30 AM and walked to the Naval Station Chapel where they attended religious services conducted by Chaplain Harold F. Menges.

At 10:35 AM, General Landry left the house by motor for Boca Chica, where he enplaned for Miami.

The President's party left the Naval Station Chapel at 10:40 AM and motored back to the Little White House, where they changed to informal attire.

The President, Captain Adell, Judge Harper, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Short and Mr. Perlmeter left the house at 10:55 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. Bell, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Lloyd had gone down earlier and were at the beach when the President arrived.

In the morning's volleyball match, Mr. Bell, Captain Dudley, Commander Warden, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Behn, Mr. Farnsworth and Mr. Nelson teamed up to take three straight games from Mr. Campion, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Perlmeter, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Gies, Mr. Greer and Mr. Short.

Even though it was quite cool, the President, Judge Harper, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Stowe went swimming.

The President, Mr. Harper, Mr. Bell, left the beach at 12:30 PM and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 2 PM. There were no guests. Admiral Leahy dined out.

Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 5:15 PM.

Because of the cool weather, the house was kept closed and a fire maintained in the living room fireplace all day.

At 6:08 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman (at Malibu Beach, California).

General Vaughan and Mr. Murphy returned from Washington at 5:25 PM and rejoined the party. General Landry returned from Miami at the same time.

Dinner was served at 8:00 PM. There were no guests. Following dinner, the motion picture "Bells of New York" was shown. The President, Judge Harper, and all members of the party, except Mr. Connelly and Mr. Feeney, attended.

The President retired at 11:00 PM.

Major McNally and Mr. McMullin returned to Key West this afternoon from temporary duty at New York City.

Monday, March 17th

The President came downstairs at 7:35 AM. He and Judge Harper left the Little White House a few minutes later for a walk that took them out into Key West. They left the Naval Station via the Greene Street gate, walked eastward on Greene Street

to Whitehead, southward on Whitehead to Eaton Street, eastward on Eaton to Elizabeth Street, northward on Elizabeth to Green Street, westward on Greene to Simonton, northward on Simonton to Front Street, and westward on Front Street to the Key West Aquarium. The President noticed that the aquarium was being opened for the day, so he and Judge Harper went in and were shown around by the manager, Mr. Kroll. The President saw some baby sea horses which had just been hatched, a permit fish, a porcupine fish and a 500-lb. loggerhead turtle, all natives of the waters that surround Key West. The President and Judge Harper returned to the Naval Station via the Greene Street gate and arrived back at the Little White House at 8:10 AM.

The President sat down to breakfast at 8:15 AM together with Judge Harper and Admiral Leahy.

The President worked at his desk in the living room from 8:30 to 9:15 AM.

At 9:15 AM, Colonel Robert J. Mason, USAF, our Air Attaché at Havana, and Lieutenant Colonel William F. Pitts, USAF, Assistant Air Attaché at Havana, arrived at the Little White House and called on General Landry. Later, they conferred with the President and gave him a report on the revolution that occurred in Cuba on March 9th. Colonel Mason and Lieutenant Colonel Pitts departed at 9:35 AM.

The President, Captain Adell, Judge Harper, Mr. Bell and General Vaughan left the Little White House at 9:50 AM and walked to the beach. As the President was leaving the Little White House Special Agent Farnsworth darted out of the south garden gate to catch up with the party, collided with a slow moving automobile and was knocked to the ground. He was treated by Commander Warden for sprain of his right knee and abrasions of right leg, and returned to duty.

The Honorable Frank E. McKinney, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, arrived at the Naval Station at 9:55 AM. He came down from Miami in his cabin cruiser "MERRY MAC". Mr. Connelly and Mr. Dawson met Mr. McKinney on his arrival at the north quay wall and escorted him to the Little White House. Mr. McKinney was a guest at the Little White House until March 19th. He was quartered in the small upstairs bedroom.

During the course of the morning, Mr. Connelly, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Dawson, Mr. McKinney, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Short, General Landry, Mr. Hassett and Mr. Perlmeter all joined the President at the beach.

At volleyball, Mr. Bell, Commander Warden, Mr. Behn, Mr. Baughman, General Vaughan, Mr. Honess and Mr. Greer teamed up to defeat Admiral Dennison, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Campion, Mr. Gies and Mr. Rowley three straight games. During the game, Mr. Honess dislocated his shoulder. The dislocation was reduced by Commander Warden, and Mr. Honess left the game.

After the conclusion of the volleyball game, the President, Judge Harper and Mr. Bell went swimming. The President, Admiral Leahy, Judge Harper, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Connelly and Mr. McKinney left the beach at 12:00 noon and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests.

Judge Harper left the house at 2:20 PM and motored to Meacham Field, where he enplaned to return to Washington. Admiral Dennison accompanied him to the airport..

After seeing Judge Harper off, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 PM.

Mr. Feeney and Mr. Perlmeter embarked in the "BIG WHEEL" and left the Naval Station at 3 PM for the fishing grounds off Key West.

Lieutenant Melvin S. Harder, USN (courier) arrived from Washington at 3:40 PM and delivered two sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon. Mr. Roger W. Tubby (Assistant Mr. Short) came down in the same aircraft and joined the party. Mr. Robert M. Redmond and Mr. Richard P. Tracey (White House Staff) were passengers in the same plane.

Dinner was served at 7 PM. There were no guests. Mr. Hassett and Mr. Short dined out.

Immediately after dinner, the President, Admiral Leahy, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Connelly, General Vaughan, Admiral Denison and General Landry left the Little White House and walked to the WILLIAMSBURG. While in the WILLIAMSBURG, they listened to the radio broadcast of the "Railroad Hour" program, from 8:00 to 8:30 PM. Miss Margaret Truman was a guest artist on this show this evening.

The President and those who accompanied him from the Little White House left the WILLIAMSBURG at 8:35 PM and walked back to the Little White House, where they attended a screening of the motion picture "Six of a Kind".

The President talked, via telephone, with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman (at Malibu Beach, California) at 9:35 PM.

The President spent the remainder of the evening on the south porch, visiting with members of his party until 12:25 AM, when he retired.

Tuesday, March 18th

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. He left the Little White House at

7:33 AM for a walk in and about the Naval Station. He returned to the house at 8:08 AM.

At 8:15 AM, he sat down to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy, Mr. McKinney and Mr. Short.

The President and Mr. McKinney went out to the north garden at 8:30 AM where they conferred until 9:20 AM.

The President returned to the house at 9:20 AM and worked at his desk in the living room until 9:50 AM.

Lieutenant Harder left the Little White House at 9:30 AM and motored to Boca Chica, where he enplaned for Washington. He took with him two sacks of mail. Mr. Perlmeter, Lieutenant Commander McCrory and Mr. Farnsworth returned to Washington via the same aircraft.

The President, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tubby, Captain Adell, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Stowe left the Little White House at 10 AM and walked to the beach. General Vaughan, Mr. McKinney, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Short, and General Landry went down later and joined the party.

At volleyball, Mr. Bell, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Campion, Mr. Gies, Commander Warden and Mr. Roberts took two out of three games from Captain Dudley, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Greer, Mr. Behn and General Vaughan.

After the volleyball game, the President, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Bell, General Vaughan, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lloyd went swimming.

The President, Mr. McKinney, Admiral Leahy, General Vaughan and Mr. Murphy left the beach at 11:45 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

A picnic lunch was served in the north garden at the Little White House at 1 PM. There were no guests.

Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters, where he rested until 4:20 PM.

Rear Admiral Charles Wellborn, USN, Commander Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet, called at the Little White House at 4:10 PM. He visited with Admiral Dennison for a short while. Later, Admiral Dennison and Admiral Wellborn conferred with the President. Admiral Wellborn departed at 4:35 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:10 PM. There were no guests. Mr. Connelly dined at Quarters "L".

Following dinner, motion pictures were shown in the living room. The feature picture was "Poppy". A motion picture depicting Princess Elizabeth's recent visit to Washington also was shown. The President and all members of the party attended.

The President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret (at Malibu Beach, California) at 9:03 PM.

After the movies, the President moved to the south porch, where he visited with members of his party until 12:15 AM when he retired.

Wednesday, March 19th

The President came downstairs at 8:00 AM. He did not go for a walk this morning, but went directly to breakfast. Admiral Leahy, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Murphy and General Landry had breakfast with the President.

General Landry, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Redmond and Mr. Tracey embarked in the "BIG WHEEL" and departed at 8:45 AM for the fishing grounds off Key West.

The President went to his quarters at 8:30 AM, where he worked on his papers until 9:15 AM. At that time, he came downstairs and conferred with Mr. McKinney until 9:30 AM.

The President, Captain Adell, General Vaughan, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Dawson left the Little White House at 9:50 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. McKinney, Mr. Short, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bell and Mr. Murphy went down to the beach later and joined the President.

At volleyball, Lieutenant Commander Roberts, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Behn, Mr. Gies, Mr. Greer and Mr. Nicholson took three straight games from General Vaughan, Commander Warden, Captain Dudley, Mr. Scouten, Mr. Hare and Mr. Tubby.

After the volleyball game, the President, General Vaughan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Short, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Dawson went swimming.

Mr. Elmer Davis called at the Little White House at 10:10 AM and visited with Admiral Leahy until 10:30 AM when he departed.

The President, Mr. McKinney, General Vaughan and Mr. Short left the beach at 11:45 AM and motored back to the Little White House. On return to the house, the President talked by telephone with Secretary Snyder, who was in Washington at the time.

Rear Admiral E. T. Wooldridge, USN, called at the Little White House at 11:50 AM and visited with Admiral Dennison. He and Admiral Dennison departed at 12:15

PM for the USS HOWARD W. GILMORE where they had lunch as guests of Captain Davis (ComSub-Ron Four).

The President, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Dawson, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Lloyd left the Little White House at 12:20 PM and walked to the nearby north quay wall where they saw Mr. McKinney off in his cabin cruiser "MERRY MAC" for Miami. They returned to the Little White House at 12:35 PM.

General Landry's fishing party returned at 12:45 PM with a total catch of approximately 30 fish, the largest of which was Mr. Feeney's 21-lb barracuda.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests. Admiral Dennison and Mr. Short dined out.

Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. There were no guests.

Ensign William O. Thompson, USN (courier) arrived from Washington at 7:45 PM and delivered three sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon. Special Agents Deeter B. Flohr, Carroll S. Pierce and Charles E. Taylor, Jr., came down on the same plane and joined Mr. Rowley's detail.

Immediately after dinner, motion pictures were shown in the living room. The feature picture was "Memories of World War II". The President and most members of his party attended.

The President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman at 10:30 PM.

After the movies, the President moved to the south porch where he visited with members of his party until 11:45 pm when he retired.

Thursday, March 20th

The President came downstairs at 8:00 AM. He did not go for a walk this morning. He went in to breakfast at 8:05 AM together with Mr. Short, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Tubby and Mr. Hassett.

The President worked at his desk in the living room from 8:30 AM to 9 AM.

The President's pre-press conference was held in the living room from 8:50 AM to 9:15 AM. Present were: The President, Mr. Short, Admiral Dennison, General Landry, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Connelly, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Bell and Mr. Stowe.

At 9:20 AM, the President, accompanied by Captain Adell, Mr. Short, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Murphy, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Bell, General Landry, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Fenney and Mr. Tubby, left the Little White House and walked to Building #128, where the President posed for news and press pictures and then held a press conference. Admiral Leahy joined the President during the course of the conference.

The Press conference was concluded at 9:43 AM and at 9:45 AM the President, Captain Adell, Admiral Leahy, General Landry, Admiral Dennison and Mr. Feeney left Building #128 and continued by foot to the beach. General Vaughan was at the beach when the President arrived and Mr. Dawson went down later and joined the President.

At 9:45 AM, Ensign Thompson left by motor for Boca Chica, where he enplaned to return to Washington. He took with him three sacks of White House mail.

At volleyball, General Vaughan, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Gies, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. D. R. Murphy took two out of three games from Admiral Dennison, Commander Warden, Lieutenant Commander Roberts, Mr. McCann and Mr. Behn.

After the volleyball game, the President and General Vaughan went swimming. The temperature of the water was 75.5 degrees; the air, 84 degrees.

The President and Admiral Leahy left the beach at 11:45 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

General Landry left the house at 12:20 PM for the Key West Golf Course where he spent the afternoon. He returned at 5 PM.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests. Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:10 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:10 PM. There were no guests.

After dinner, the motion picture "Distant Drums" was shown in the living room. The President did not attend.

At 10:00 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman (at the Blair House) and Miss Truman (at San Diego, California).

The President spent the evening on the south porch visiting with members of his party until 11:55 PM when he retired.

Friday, March 21st

Mr. Dawson, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Tubby left Quarters "L" at 7:00 AM for the Operational Development Station where they embarked in the USS SARSFIELD and put to sea to witness Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Maneuvers held off Key West.

The President came downstairs at 8:00 AM. He did not go for a walk. Instead, he sat down to breakfast with Admiral Leahy and Mr. Hassett.

The President worked at his desk in the living room from 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM.

Admiral Leahy left the Little White House at 9:25 AM and motored to Boca Chica. At Boca Chica, he enplaned for Thomasville, Georgia, where he spent the weekend.

The President, General Vaughan and General Landry left the house at 9:50 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. Stowe, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Short went down later and joined the President.

At volleyball, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Nicholson, Commander Warden, Mr. McCann, Mr. Behn and Mr. Gies teamed up to take two out of the three games from General Vaughan, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Greer, Mr. Mroz, Captain Dudley and Mr. Hare.

While at the beach, the President talked by telephone with Mr. Clark M. Clifford who was in Washington at the time.

The President, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Short went swimming.

The President, General Vaughan, General Landry and Mr. Murphy left the beach at 11:45 AM and motored back to the Little White House.

The President talked by telephone with Mr. Charles E. Wilson at 12:10 PM. Mr. Wilson was in Washington at the time.

Lunch was served at 1:10 PM. There were no guests. Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:00 PM.

Mr. Dawson, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Tubby returned to the Little White House at 4:30 PM.

At 4:30 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mr. Philip Murray. Mr. Murray was in Washington at the time.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. There were no guests. Mr. Connelly dined out

Lieutenant Charles H. Wainscott, USN (courier) arrived at the Little White House at 7:05 PM and delivered three sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon. Sergeant Robert B. Crawford, USA (White House Staff) came down from Washington via the same aircraft.

Following dinner, the motion picture "Mississippi" was shown in the living room. The President and all members of the party, except Mr. Connelly, attended.

The President talked by telephone with Mr. Charles E. Wilson at 9:25 PM. Mr. Wilson was in Washington.

After the movies, the President moved to the south porch where he visited with members of his party until 12:15 AM. At that time he went to his desk in the living room and signed mail that had been delivered this afternoon. The President retired at 12:45 AM.

Saturday, March 22nd

Honorable Clark M. Clifford (former Special Counsel to the President) arrived at the Little White House at 1:58 AM and joined the party. He was greeted by Admiral Dennison, General Landry, Mr. Short and Mr. Stowe. Mr. Clifford was quartered in Room #5.

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. He left the house at 7:34 AM for a walk. He left the Naval Station by way of the Southard Street gate, walked eastward on Southard to Duval Street, northward on Duval to Front Street, westward on Front Street to Greene Street. He reentered the Naval Station via the Greene Street gate; got back to the Little White House at 7:55 AM; and, at 8:05 AM sat down to breakfast together with Mr. Clifford.

General Landry and Mr. Stowe left the house at 9:10 AM and motored to Boca Chica. At Boca Chica they enplaned for Miami, where they spent the day.

At 9:25 AM, Lieutenant Charles A. Gardner (SC) USN (courier) left the house for Boca Chica where he enplaned for Washington. He took with him three sacks of White House mail. Mr. Redmond returned to Washington via the same aircraft.

The President, Mr. Clifford and General Vaughan left the Little White House at 9:50 AM and walked to the beach. They were joined enroute by Mr. Dawson and Mr. Tubby. Mr. Short, Mr. Bell, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lloyd went down to the beach later and joined the party.

At volleyball, Commander Warden, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. McCann, Mr. Gies, General Vaughan and Mr. Behn took two out of three games from Mr. Scouten, Mr.

Clifford, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Mampel, Mr. Rowley and Commander Rigdon. All games were hard fought.

After the volleyball game, the President, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Tubby, General Vaughan, Mr. Short, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lloyd went swimming.

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The President, Mr. Clifford and General Vaughan left the beach at 12:05 PM and motored back to the Little White House.

Mr. Baughman and Mr. Hare left Key West this forenoon and returned to Washington via commercial airlines.

A picnic lunch was served all hands in the north garden at 1:00 PM. There were no guests.

Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:00 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:05 PM. There were no guests. Admiral Dennison and Mr. Connelly dined out.

After dinner, the motion picture "Sailor Beware" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend. He spent the evening on the south porch visiting with members of his party.

At 10:20 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman and Miss Margaret Truman. Mrs. Truman was at Blair House. Miss Margaret was at Malibu Beach, California.

The President retired at 11:15 PM.

Sunday, March 23rd

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. He did not go for a walk this morning.

The President sat down to breakfast at 7:55 AM together with Mr. Clifford, Mr. Short and Mr. Hassett.

At 9:20 AM, the President talked by telephone with Mr. Charles E. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was in Washington.

The President, Captain Adell, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Tubby and Mr. Lloyd left the Little White House at 9:35 AM and motored to the Naval

Station Chapel where they attended religious services conducted by Chaplain Menges. They returned to the Little White House at 10:40 AM.

At 10:55 AM, the President, Captain Adell, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Short left the Little White House and walked to the beach. General Vaughan and Mr. Hassett were at the beach when the President arrived. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Tubby went down later and joined the party.

All hands went swimming. The water temperature was 78.5 degrees; air temperature 86 degrees.

At volleyball, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, Commander Warden, Lieutenant Commander Roberts, Mr. Behn, Mr. Rowley and Mr. Greer teamed up to take two out of three games from Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Knight, Mr. Gies, Mr. McCann and Mr. Tubby. Again, all games were hard fought.

The President, Mr. Clifford and General Vaughan left the beach at 12:58 PM and motored back to the Little White House.

At 1:10 PM, the President talked by telephone with his sister, Miss Mary Jane Truman. Miss Truman was in Kansas City, Missouri.

At 1:13 PM, the President talked by telephone (conference hook-up) with Senators Clinton P. Anderson and Earle C. Clements, both of whom were in Washington.

At 1:25 PM, the President and Mr. Clifford went out to the north garden where they conferred until 2:00 PM.

At 2:05 PM, a picnic lunch ("chicken in the basket") was served all hands in the north garden. Mr. Tubby dined out.

Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:07 PM.

General Landry and Mr. Stowe returned from Miami at 5:20 PM.

Admiral Leahy returned from Thomasville at 5:40 PM.

Mr. Charles E. Wilson arrived at the Little White House at 7:55 PM to confer with the President. Admiral Dennison met Mr. Wilson at Boca Chica and accompanied him to the house. Mr. Wilson was an overnight guest of the President.

The President talked with Mrs. Truman by telephone at 7:55 PM. Mrs. Truman was at the Blair House.

Dinner was served at 8:00 PM. Mr. Connelly dined out.

After dinner, the motion picture "Bugles in the Afternoon" was shown at the Little White House. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Clifford attended but the President did not.

The President visited with members of his party until 10:00 PM when he retired.

Monday, March 24th

The President came downstairs at 7:25 AM. He left the house at 7:30 AM for a walk that took him out the Marine gate, eastward on Fleming and Elizabeth Street, northward on Elizabeth to Greene Street, eastward on Greene to Simonton Street, northward on Simonton to Front Street, to the Greene Street gate, via which he reentered the Naval Station. During the walk, the President went to the waterfront area where he had an opportunity to see a large number of shrimp fishing boats and the Key West turtle crawls, where the large turtles are unloaded. On returning to the Naval Station, the President went to the WILLIAMSBURG where he had breakfast with Mr. Wilson. The meal was served on the after main deck.

Mr. Gies left Key West via White House automobile (Lincoln convertible) this morning to return to Washington so that this car would be available on the President's return to Washington.

The President and Mr. Wilson left the WILLIAMSBURG at 9:30 AM and walked to the Little White House. Before entering the house, they posed for newsreel and press pictures.

The President, Captain Adell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, and Admiral Dennison left the Little White House at 9:55 AM and walked to the beach. Mr. Feeney, Mr. Short, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Lloyd went down to the beach later and joined the party. Admiral Dennison, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Knight, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Behn and Mr. Mroz teamed up to take two out of three games from Mr. Nicholson, General Vaughan, Commander Warden, Captain Dudley, Mr. Clifford, Mr. D. E. Murphy and Mr. Greer.

After the volleyball game, the President, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Short, Mr. Tubby and General Vaughan went swimming.

The President, Mr. Wilson and General Vaughan left the beach at 12:10 PM and motored back to the Little White House.

Mr. Elmer Davis called at the Little White House at 12:15 PM and visited with Mr. Wilson until 12:45 PM.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. There were no guests.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Clifford left the Little White House at 1:55 PM for Boca Chica where they enplaned for Washington. Admiral Dennison and Mr. Short accompanied them to Boca Chica. Mr. Rowley, Mr. Behn, Mr. McCann, Mr. Honess, and Mr. Romagna returned to Washington via this same aircraft. Mrs. Weatherford, civilian employee of the Naval Station, reported Mr. Short's press conferences during the remainder of the visit.

After seeing Mr. Wilson and Mr. Clifford off, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:00 PM.

Lieutenant (jg) J. C. McCoy, USN (USS SARSFIELD) called at the Little White House at 3:45 PM and visited with Admiral Dennison. He was later presented to the President and left at 4:05 PM.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. Admiral Leahy and Mr. Hassett dined out.

At 8:05 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman (at Blair House) and Miss Margaret Truman (at Malibu Beach, California).

At 8:25 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mr. W. E. Ragan. Mr. Ragan was at Inyokern, California.

After dinner, the motion picture "Room For One More" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend. He moved out to the south porch where he visited with members of his party.

Lieutenant Joseph T. Haslinger, USN (courier) arrived from Washington at 8:40 PM and delivered two sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon.

The President worked at his desk in the living room from 11:00 to 11:20 PM. He retired at 11:30 PM.

Tuesday, March 25th

The President came downstairs at 7 AM. He did not go for a walk but worked at his desk until 7:45 AM when he went in to breakfast together with Mr. Hassett, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Short and Mr. Dawson. The President had planned to go fishing this morning but decided during breakfast not to go.

Mr. Steelman arrived at the Little White House at 8 AM and rejoined the party.

Lieutenant Haslinger left the Little White House at 9:30 AM and motored to Boca Chica where he enplaned to return to Washington. He took with him two sacks of White House mail.

General Landry and his guests, Major General R. L. Hufft, Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard, Captain Miller and Captain Flowers (USAF), embarked in the "BIG WHEEL" and left at 9:30 AM for the fishing grounds.

The President, Captain Adell, and General Vaughan left the Little White House at 9:50 AM and walked to the beach. Admiral Leahy, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Short, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Feeney and Mr. Steelman went down to the beach later and joined the President. While at the beach, the President and various members of his staff discussed the draft of the President's proposed Jackson-Jefferson Day speech.

At volleyball, Commander Warden, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Nicholson, Captain Dudley, Mr. Greer and Mr. Mroz teamed up to take two out of three games from General Vaughan, Mr. Bell, Commander Rigdon, Mr. Mampel, Mr. Scouten and Mr. Flohr.

After the volleyball game, the President, General Vaughan, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Bell and Mr. Short went swimming.

Mr. Harry A. McDonald arrived at the Little White House at 11:00 AM and called on Mr. Connelly.

The President, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bell and General Vaughan left the beach at 12:00 noon and motored to the Little White House.

The President conferred with Mr. McDonald from 12:30 to 12:45 PM.

Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. Mr. McDonald was a luncheon guest. Admiral Dennison dined out.

General Landry and his party returned at 2:00 PM. They reported a very rough trip but no fish.

The President retired to his quarters at 2:00 PM where he rested until 4:30 PM.

Mr. McDonald departed at 2:45 PM.

Lieutenant Frank D. Hale, USN (courier) arrived at the Little White House at 6:45 PM and delivered two sacks of White House mail to Commander Rigdon.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. Mr. Connelly dined out.

After dinner, the motion picture "Red Skies of Montana" was shown at the Little White House. Captain Miller and Commander Warden (both Montanans) were guests. The President did not attend.

The President remained on the south porch until 11:15 PM visiting with members of his party. He worked at his desk in the living room from 11:15 PM until 11:30 PM when he retired.

Wednesday, March 26th

The President came downstairs at 7:30 AM. He did not go for a walk this morning. He sat on the south porch reading until 7:40 AM when he went to breakfast together with Admiral Leahy, Mr. Hassett and Mr. Short.

The President worked at his desk in the living room from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

At 9:30 AM, Lieutenant Hale left for Boca Chica to enplane for Washington. He took with him three sacks of White House mail. Mr. Tracey and Lieutenant Wainscott returned to Washington via this same aircraft.

The President, Captain Adell, General Vaughan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Tubby left the Little White House at 9:50 AM and walked to the beach. Admiral Leahy, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Short, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Hassett went down to the beach later and joined the party.

At volleyball, Mr. Nicholson, Commander Warden, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Newbrand, Mr. Greer and Mr. R. H. Taylor teamed up to take two out of three games from General Vaughan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Doster, Commander Rigdon and Mr. Flohr.

After the volleyball game, the President, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Tubby, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Short, General Vaughan and Mr. Steelman went swimming.

The President, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Steelman and General Vaughan left the beach at 11:45 AM by motor for the Little White House. The President and General Vaughan stopped their car at the enlisted men's mess hall, got out, lined up with the enlisted men, went through the chow line, and dined with the crew. The President's visit to the mess hall was unannounced and took everyone by surprise. The menu consisted of potato soup, lettuce and tomato salad, meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, turnip greens, cherry cobbler and orange drink. The President apparently greatly enjoyed the food and the contact with the enlisted men. He and General Vaughan left the mess hall at 12:20 PM and continued on to the Little White House.

A group picture of the President's party was taken at 1:05 PM out in the west garden. The President then retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 PM.

Lunch was served at 1:15 PM.

The President met with Mr. Short, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Tubby at 4:40 PM on the south porch. They discussed the draft of his proposed Jackson-Jefferson Day dinner speech. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

At 6:15 PM, the President talked by telephone with Mrs. Truman and Miss Margaret Truman. Mrs. Truman was at the Blair House. Miss Truman was in Seattle, Washington, at the time.

Dinner was served at 7:00 PM. Captain Adell and Captain Miller were guests. Admiral Leahy and Mr. Connelly dined out.

No motion picture was shown at the Little White House this evening.

Following dinner, the President moved to the south porch where he visited with members of his party until 1:30 AM when he retired.

Major McNally and Mr. McMullin left Key West during the day, via commercial airlines, to return to Washington. Captain Dudley left via bus to return to Washington.

Thursday, March 27th

The President came downstairs at 7:45 AM. It was raining at the time so he did not go for a walk. The President sat down to breakfast at 8:00 AM, together with Admiral Leahy and Mr. Hassett.

It stopped raining about 9:00 AM but since the weather did not appear at all promising the President decided to stay at the house and not go to the beach.

The President, however, did leave the Little White House at 9:30 AM. He walked to the Navy Exchange Store where he made some purchases. Even though he visited the store before the regular opening hours, his presence there caused considerable excitement. The President returned to the Little White House at 10:00 AM.

A picnic lunch was served in the north garden at 1:00 PM for all hands. Commander Warden was a luncheon guest.

During lunch, party baggage was moved to Boca Chica, and at 1:50 PM, the President, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, General Vaughan, General Landry, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Tubby and Commander Warden left the Little White House by motor for Boca Chica. As the President's car approached the Caroline Street gate, full military honors were rendered him and, upon his departure from the Station, at 1:52 PM, his flag was lowered at the Administration Building. The motorcade proceeded eastward along

Caroline Street, southward on Simonton and eastward on Truman Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard to Boca Chica. Admiral Dennison and Captain Adell accompanied the President to Boca Chica. At Boca Chica the President said goodbye to senior officers and civic officials on hand to see him off. He then boarded the INDEPENDENCE and departed at 2:20 PM for flight to Washington. Embarked were: The President, Admiral Leahy, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Short, General Vaughan, General Landry, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Tubby and Commander Warden. Messrs. Nicholson and Usher also were passengers in the INDEPENDENCE. Admiral Dennison returned to Washington in the WILLIAMSBURG.

The Press plane (National Airlines DC-6) with Commander Rigdon, Mr. Long, Miss Hachmeister, Miss Cole, Chief Photographer's Mate Begley, Chief Yeoman Winkler, Sergeant Zook, M/Sergeant Tarbell, M/Sergeant Putterman, Mr. Burton, Mr. Charnley, Corporal Mendoza, Mr. Scouten, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mroz, Mr. Knight, Mr. Campion, Mr. Mileski, Mr. Ladas, Mr. Mampel, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Stout, Mr. Doster, Mr. R. H. Taylor, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Newbrand, Mr. C. E. Taylor, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Flohr embarked, left Boca Chica at 2:24 PM for Washington National Airport.

A Navy R4DZ, with Rear Admiral E. T. Wooldridge, USN, Yeoman 1/c Klein, Sergeant Crawford, Chief Stewards Falsis, Esperancilla, Pascual and Sepulchre, and Stewards DelaVega and Mariana embarked, left Boca Chica at 2:27 PM for flight to Anacostia.

The INDEPENDENCE cruised at altitude 19,000 feet on a course which took her via Jacksonville and thence direct to Washington, D. C. The President went forward just as the INDEPENDENCE had passed over Savannah, Georgia, and greeted the crew and checked on the progress of the flight. Good weather and favorable winds were encountered over the entire route to Washington.

The INDEPENDENCE arrived at the Washington National Airport at 5:55 PM. Among those on hand to meet the President as he disembarked were Mrs. Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, Attorney General McGrath, Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, District Commissioner Donohue, and Mr. John Simmons, Chief of Protocol, Department of State.

Following brief ceremonies at the Washington National Airport, the President and Mrs. Truman motored to the White House where they spent their first evening since November 1948. The move from Blair House to the White House had been made earlier in the day.

The press plane arrived Washington National Airport at 5:45 PM. The Navy R4DZ arrived at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, at 8:15 PM.

The WILLIAMSBURG departed Key West during the evening of March 27th and moored at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, at 8:15 PM, Sunday, March 30th.

Warrant Officer Duffy and Mr. Greer left Key West the late afternoon of March 27th and returned to Washington via automobile. Sergeant Schrader returned to Washington via his privately owned automobile.

RECORD OF OFFICIAL TEMPERATURES AT KEY WEST

<u>March</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>Maximum Temp.</u>	<u>Minimum Temp.</u>
7	78	66
8	75	65
9	78	66
10	80	72
11	84	74
12	83	74
13	84	75
14	85	74
15	85	72
16	73	64
17	69	60
18	81	60
19	83	72
20	86	71
21	85	73
22	84	75
23	86	75
24	85	76
25	86	76
26	86	71
27	83	71

